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**Amendments To The Claims**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

**Listing Of Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) An aqueous solution of a solid composition comprising a meiosis activating substance (MAS) and an additive which is a protein or a phosphoglyceride, wherein the solid composition has a content of protein or phosphoglyceride higher than 99 % (weight/weight).

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The aqueous solution of claim 7, wherein the content of MAS is at least 0.001 µg/ml.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The aqueous solution of claim 9, wherein the content of MAS is not more than 0.1 g/ml.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The aqueous solution of claim 7, comprising an organic solvent content of less than 0.1% (weight/weight).

Claims 12-25 (Cancelled)

Claim 26 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition has a content of protein or phosphoglyceride higher than 99 % (weight/weight).

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Claim 27 (Previously Presented) A device comprising a hollow containing the composition of claim 26.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented) An aqueous solution comprising a meiosis activating substance (MAS) and an additive which is a protein or a phosphoglyceride, wherein the ratio of MAS to said protein or phosphoglyceride in said aqueous solution is at least 1:150 (weight/weight).

Claim 29 (Previously Presented) The solution of claim 28, wherein said additive is a protein.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented) The solution of claim 29, wherein the protein is human serum albumin.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented) The solution of claim 30, wherein the human serum albumin is recombinant human serum albumin.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented) The solution of claim 28, wherein the content of MAS is at least 0.001  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ .

Claim 33 (Previously Presented) The solution of claim 32, wherein the content of MAS is not more than 0.1 g/ml.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented) The solution of claim 28, wherein said solution comprises an organic solvent content of less than 0.1%.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented) A solid composition comprising 4,4-dimethyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 $\beta$ -ol and an additive which is a protein or a phosphoglyceride.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of water of below 10% (weight/weight).

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Claim 37 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of water of below 5% (weight/weight).

Claim 38 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of water of below 1% (weight/weight).

Claim 39 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of organic solvent of below 10% (weight/weight).

Claim 40 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of organic solvent of below 5% (weight/weight).

Claim 41 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of organic solvent of below 1% (weight/weight).

Claim 42 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of 4,4-dimethyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 $\beta$ -ol of below 50% (weight/weight).

Claim 43 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of 4,4-dimethyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 $\beta$ -ol of below 20% (weight/weight).

Claim 44 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of 4,4-dimethyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 $\beta$ -ol of below 10% (weight/weight).

Claim 45 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 35, wherein said additive is a protein.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 45, wherein said protein is human serum albumin.

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Claim 47 (Previously Presented) An aqueous solution comprising the composition of claim 35.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented) A device comprising a hollow containing the composition of claim 35.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented) A device comprising a hollow containing the solution of claim 47.

Claim 50 (Previously Presented) A device comprising a hollow containing the solution of claim 7.

Claim 51 (Previously Presented) An aqueous solution comprising the composition of claim 26.

Claim 52 (Previously Presented) A device comprising a hollow containing the solution of claim 51.